Opening of New Post Offices in Tamil Nadu

74. SHRI R.T. GOPALAN : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to open new post offices in Tamil Nadu in order to expand the rural postal network in the country during 1991-92;

(b) if so, the number of new post offices likely to be opened alongwith their locations in Tamil Nadu; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to improve the delivery of mail?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It is proposed to open, subject to justification, 16 departmental sub post offices and 55 extra departmental branch post offices during the year 1991-92. The details are given in Statements I-II [*See* below].

(c) Reply is contained in Statement III.

Statement-I

Departmental sub post offices likely to be opened during 1991-92 in Tamil Nadu Postal Circle, subject to justification

Name of the District	Location
Chengai MGR	1. Triveninagar
Coimbatore	1. Nallurvayal
kamraj	1. Virudhnagar Collectorate
Kanyakumari	1. Eraniel
Madurai	1. Ellisnagar
North Arcot Ambedkar	1. BHEL Ancilliary Estate
Pasumpon Thevarthirumagnagal	1. Shivganga Collectorate 2. Sipcot Complex Mana Madurai
Pondicherry (Union Territory)	1. PIP DIC
Ramanathapuram	1. Ramanathapuram Collectorate
Salem	1. Koothapalli
South Arcot	1. Neyvelli Second Thermal
Tiruchirapalli	1. Annanagar 2. Ayappanagar
Tirunelveli Kattabomman	1. Tirunelveli Engineering College
Chidambaranar	1. Nallitinpudur East

Statement-II

Extra Departmental Branch Post Offices likely to be opened during 1991-92 in Tamil Nadu Postal Circle Subject to Justification

(1) DINDIGUL ANNA (5)
Sadayampatti, Muthampattipudur, Sengampalayam, Varadhamanadhi Dam Project, Perumalpudur

(2) KARAJAR (2)
Ramalingapuram, Mepco Engineering College

(3) KANNIYA KUMARI (11)
Alampari, Mathias Nagar, Manakkara, Ramavarman Chirai. Kanniyakulam, Karuthemnparai, Mangavilai, Mahavilai, Malamary Karode, Shahayanagar

(4) MADURAI (1)
Varadharajanagar

(5) NILGIRIS (7)
Kuruthukuli, Nandatty, Rockwood Estate, Pilloormattam, Masakkal, Machikalli, Kollikalaioornalli

(6) NORTH ARCOT AMBEDKAR (3)
Melmankuppam, Kilsaranakuppam, Unai-Pallathur

(7) PASUMPON THEVAR-THIRUNAGAR (4)
Kalugarkadai, Athappadakki, Nagamugmthangudi, Keelakottai

(8) PONDICHERRY (UNION TERRITORY) (1)
Ariyur

(9) RAMANATHAPURAM (5)
Vilangattor, Mariyur Valinokkam Salt Complex, Mariyur Valinokkam Salt Compex, Muhilthagam Panandai, Sellur
(10) SALEM (3)
Elayampalayam, Pillyur, Govindapadi
(11) SOUTH ARCOT (6)
Nallathur Sri Raman, Melakuppam, Nochimedu Seshanganur, Nanjamahathuvalkai
(12) TIRUCHIRAPPALI
Arasalur
(13) TIRUNELVELI-KATTABOMMAN (4)
Azhaganeri, Kiviluthu, Oothu, Karisalkukam
(14) TIRUVANNAMALAI SAMBUYAR (1)
Attiyanur
(15) CHIDAMARAMAR
Vedapatti

Statement-III

Steps taken to improve delivery of mail

(i) Preliminary sorting of mails posted for despatch is being done in nearly all the delivery post offices.
(ii) Bulk mailers are being persuaded to presort their mail before presentation for despatch at Post Offices or Railway Mail Service (RMS) offices.
(iii) In nearly all the Districts, one RMS Office has been identified as an in ward sorting office for that District to avoid mails being missent or being sent without detailed sorting. This ensures speedier transmission.
(iv) Close liaision is being maintained with the Railways, Indian Airline and State Transport Undertakings to transmit bags to various places for early delivery.
(v) Test letters are being posted regularly to locate any delay in the transit of mails and to taken remedial steps for removing such delay.

Opening and Modernisation of Telegraph Offices in Tamil Nadu

75. SHRI R.T. GOPALAN : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any efforts to open new telegraph offices and also to modernise the existing oens;

(b) if so, what steps have been taken in this regard in Tamil Nadu during the Seventh Five Year Plan period;

(c) what is the number of telegraph offices proposed to be opened in Tamil Nadu during the Eighth Five Year Plan period; and

(d) what is the number and the details of the telegraph offices identified in Tamil Nadu for modernisation during the Eighth Five Year Plan period?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During the Seventh Five Year Plan period 20 Telegraph Offices have been opened in Tamil Nadu and under modernisation programme, one SFT—141 System has been commissioned. During 1990-92 one 128 Port Store and Forward Message Switching System, 2 Nos. Store and Forward Telegraph Systems and one 32 port store and forward message switching system have been commissioned besides opening of Five Telegraph Offices.

(c) It is proposed to open Four Telegraph Offices in Tamil Nadu during the Eighth Five Year Plan period.

(d) Number and details of Telegraph Offices identified for modernisation in Tamil Nadu Telecom. Circle during the Eighth Five Year Plan period are given in the attached statement.

Statement

Number and details of Telegraph Offices identified in Tamil Nadu Telecom. Circle during the Eighth Five Year Plan Period.

(1) One SFMS-64 System is proposed to be installed at CTO, Coimbatore.
(2) One SFMS-64 System is proposed to be installed at CTO, Madurai.
(3) One SFMS-32 System is proposed to be installed at CTO, Tirunelveli.
(4) One SFMS-32 System is proposed to be installed at CTO, Salem.
(5) 30 Electronic Key-Board Concentrators are proposed to be installed in CTOs / DTOs as under:—

Anna Road	1
Karaikudi	1
Salem	2
Dharmapuri	1
Nagercoil	2
Mambalam	1
Madurai	2
Erode	1
Thanjavur	2
Tuticorin	2
Kilpauk	1